



Drought Proof Your Lawn

In order to keep our lawns looking good during this drought condition, all of us need to work together and look at ideas that enable us to enjoy our green yards and parks while conserving water. To help residents accomplish this, Lehi City will be providing a weekly series presenting ideas for how to keep green lawns while conserving water. Below is an outline of the suggestions that will be discussed:

- Develop deep root systems by watering deeply and infrequently.
- Water during cool, non-windy times.
- Fertilize regularly, especially in the fall.
- Set your mower height higher (3 plus inches) to encourage better roots and choke weeds.
- Adjust heads to ensure good coverage and avoid watering streets, sidewalks, and driveways.
- Sharpen your mower blade to make clean cuts giving you a greener appearing lawn and healthier plants.
- Leave clippings on the lawn (mulching mower) as done at parks, ball fields, and golf courses.
- Plant lawn varieties that utilize deep roots or drought tolerance such as Fescues and Zoyzia.
- Amend soils with organic matter to hold water.
- Consider using anti-transpirants for problem areas or water consumptive plant species.

Watch for weekly articles about each of these topics. Questions may be directed to Darwin Bundy at dbundy@lehi-ut.gov.